

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been amended herein, Claims 9-10 have been cancelled, and new Claims 11-24 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the Specification and the originally filed claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced with these amendments or new claims.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending applications of the present application's assignee.

Docket No.	Serial No.	Title	Filed
SMNPH.002C1	12/416829	APPARATUS FOR ASPIRATING, IRRIGATING AND CLEANSING WOUNDS	04/10/2009
SMNPH.003APC	10/576263	WOUND CLEANSING APPARATUS WITH ACTIVES	11/09/2006
SMNPH.004APC	10/575875	WOUND CLEANSING APPARATUS WITH HEAT	02/01/2007
SMNPH.005APC	10/575871	WOUND CLEANSING APPARATUS IN-SITU	01/29/2007
SMNPH.006APC	10/575870	WOUND CLEANSING APPARATUS WITH SCAFFOLD	04/17/2006

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SMNPH.007C1	11/957860	WOUND CLEANSING APPARATUS WITH STRESS	12/17/2007
SMNPH.009APC	10/599725	APPARATUS FOR CLEANSING WOUNDS WITH MEANS FOR SUPPLY OF THERMAL ENERGY TO THE THERAPY FLUID	09/22/2008
SMNPH.010APC	10/599728	APPARATUS FOR ASPIRATING, IRRIGATING AND/OR CLEANSING OF WOUNDS	11/03/2008
SMNPH.011APC	10/577,642	SIMULTANEOUS ASPIRATE & IRRIGATE & SCAFFOLD	08/23/2007
SMNPH.014APC	11/919355	WOUND TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD	10/26/2007
SMNPH.015APC	11/919369	WOUND TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD	10/26/2007
SMNPH.016APC	11/919354	WOUND TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD	10/26/2007
SMNPH.017APC	12/066578	APPARATUS WITH ACTIVES FROM TISSUE	03/12/2008
SMNPH.018APC	12/066730	APPARATUS WITH ACTIVES FROM TISSUE	10/09/2008
SMNPH.019APC	12/066585	APPARATUS	03/12/2008

The Applicants direct the Examiner to these applications to consider whether the subject matter claimed, now or as may be amended in the future, as well as the associated prosecution history, now or in the future, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of patentability or obviousness-type double patenting). Applicants believe that the Examiner has access to the applications and associated file histories through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicants have not provided copies of these applications or their associated file histories. Applicants would be happy to provide copies of any of these applications or their associated file histories, now or in the future, should the Examiner so request.

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